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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

Director of Training and Education

SUBJECT:

Soviet Realities Institute

1. As the attached notice indicates, the DCI has asked us to set up the new Soviet Realities Institute as the focal point for a comprehensive training program on the Soviet Union. Through a variety of seminars, instructional blocks, workshops and other formats, we will bring in Soviet experts from the academic, government and business communities. Most of the programs will be offered on a part-time basis, often a half day each week for several weeks, to allow people to participate with minimal impact on the office.

2. One of the key elements of the program is a series of seminars called "Perspectives on the Soviet Union." We have invited noted scholars to conduct short (a week or less) seminars which will provide an integrated overview of the USSR and the Soviet system. The seminars are intended for professional officers working primarily on the Soviet Union who do not have a strong academic background in Soviet studies.

3. To date we have run one seminar conducted by Professors Seweryn Bialer of Columbia and Gail Lapidus of Berkeley and Stanford. By all reports, it was right on target. Other scheduled runnings of this seminar are listed below:

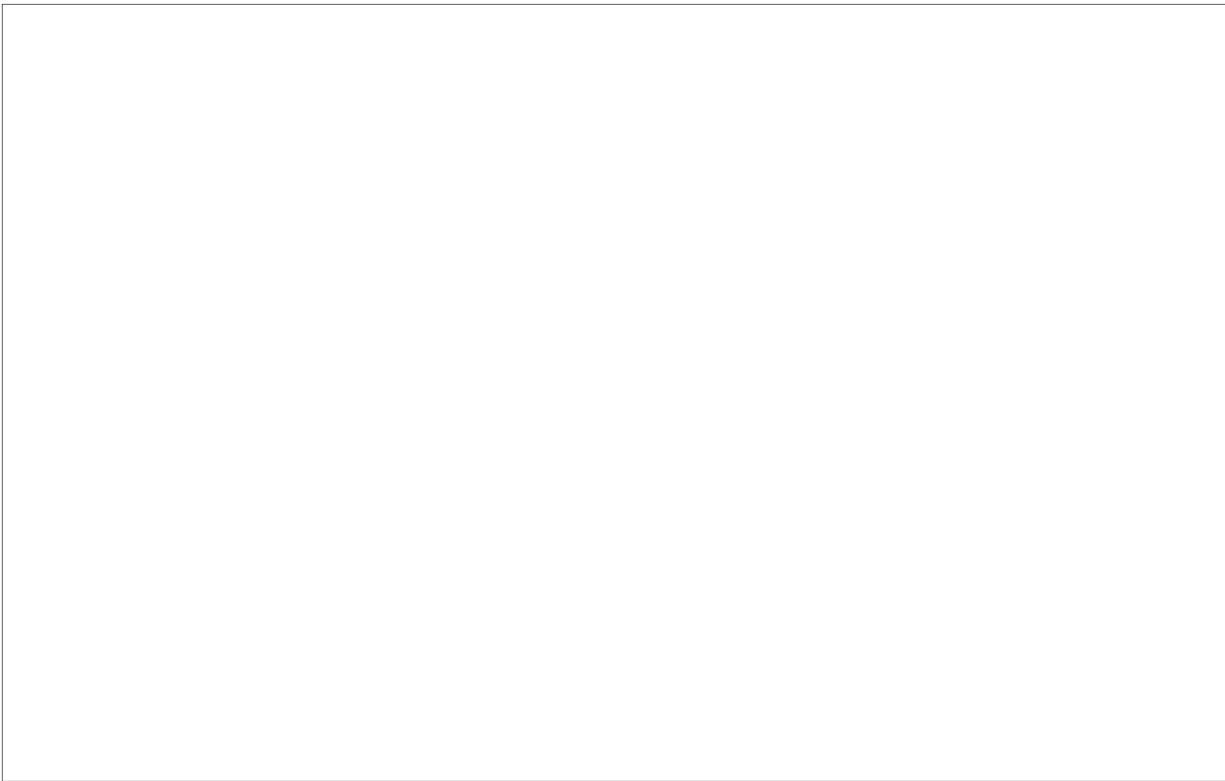
16 - 20 June 1986	Richard Pipes (Harvard)
8 - 12 September 1986	Robert V. Daniels (Vermont)
October 1986 (tentative)	Adam Ulam (Harvard)
November 1986 (tentative)	Gail Lapidus (Berkeley/Stanford)
12 - 16 January 1987	George Breslauer (Berkeley)

Additional scholars are being contacted for future seminars.

4. Another major element of the program is a series of modules organized under six blocks. Each block is directed by a current or former Agency specialist and will include presentations from government and academic experts on the subject. The blocks scheduled for 1986 are:

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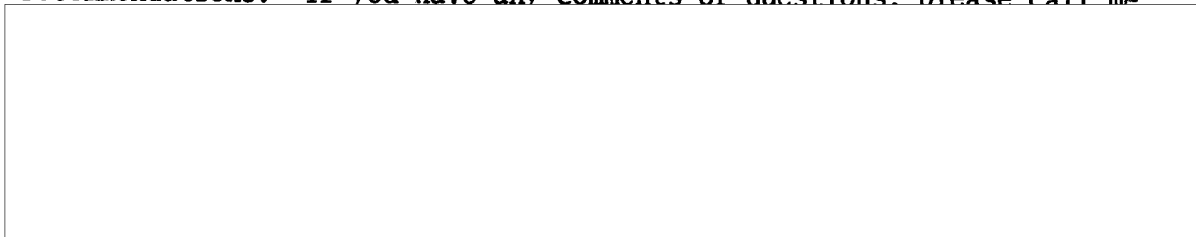


5. Other courses, workshops and seminars will be developed over the next 18 months. Announcements will be made prior to the running of each course. Since classes will be limited to twenty-four students, I encourage you to select your top people who can best profit from broadening or deepening their understanding of the Soviet Union.


6. Whenever feasible we plan to videotape these sessions and will make the tapes available for use at Headquarters, domestic field offices, and stations abroad. We are particularly interested in reaching officers serving overseas, and we would appreciate any ideas you might have on how best to do it.

7. This is just a beginning and we welcome your ideas and recommendations. If you have any comments or questions, please call me

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